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Washington, D.C.-Rep.

Anna G. Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) voted today to invest in critical science, research, and renewable energy programs. The FY2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act funds projects which speed the development of cleaner, more efficient energy and vehicle technology, upgrade the nation's aging water infrastructure, and invest in scientific research which is crucial to America's long-term energy needs.

The legislation includes over \$10 million in funding that will directly benefit the 14th Congressional District including: \$179,000 for the San Francisquito Creek flood protection project; \$1.2 million for the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Project; \$6.4 million for dredging the Redwood City Harbor; \$90,000 to study the depth of maximum operational efficiency for the Redwood City Harbor Channel; and \$2.8 million for the San Francisco Shoreline.

"These projects, and others like them, will rejuvenate our infrastructure and economy, both here in Silicon Valley and on a national level," Rep. Eshoo said. "We have made historic investments to create a smarter, more reliable national electricity grid, switch to cleaner, more efficient energy consumption, and tackle our growing water infrastructure dilemmas. And, we've structured these investments in a fiscally responsible way." The House appropriations bills save \$10 billion from the President's proposed budget.

"The bill also continues to provide millions of dollars for projects in the 14th Congressional District which will help with the ongoing flood protection and water conservation efforts in Silicon Valley."

The FY 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act includes funding for the following five projects in the 14th Congressional District:

\$179,000 for the San

Francisquito Creek to be used to complete a feasibility study of critical flood protection measures for the cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and portions of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

The project will provide flood protection to three important Bay Area and state highway connector systems, a regional commuter rail system and a local airport.

\$1,215,000 for the Bay Area

Regional Water Recycling Program. The funding for the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program will be used to construct pipeline and related conveyance facilities to develop and expand the use of recycled water to augment surface water supplies, helping to preserve overdrawn river and groundwater supplies, protect the environment, and improve the overall security and reliability of the Bay Area's urban water systems.

\$6,410,000 for the Port of Redwood City to dredge the Redwood

City Navigation Channel to its authorized depth of 30 feet. The dredging is necessary in order to preserve the commercial activity that passes daily through the Port of Redwood City, the only port that serves the many industries in Silicon Valley.

\$90,000 for the Port of Redwood City to continue the

Feasibility Study to determine the proper depth for Redwood City Navigation Channel to maximize operational efficiency of for larger vessels now transiting the Channel.

\$2,800,000 for the San

Francisco Shoreline to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to make satisfactory progress on completion of the Feasibility Report as directed by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The project generated from the Shoreline Study is expected to provide tidal and fluvial flood protection for Silicon Valley, including approximately 42,800 acres, 7,400 homes and businesses, and major highways, parks and airports.

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